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1/10 Avn to support OIF

Spc. Monica Smith
CAB Public Affairs

Somewhere near 1 a.m. the pre-flight meal was served in the Trustcott Air Terminal: Spaghetti and Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

The Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment ate their meal, gathered items from the USO tables and talked with one another comfortably as they awaited the beginning of their

deployment to Tikrit and Mosul, Iraq, Oct. 21.

With Soldiers like Spc. Omar Arnold, who has deployed twice before, the lack of anxiety is logical.

"There's a good number of people in my platoon who have deployed before," said Arnold, a wheel mechanic with Company E, from Pensacola, Fla. "The attitude is, 'Here I go again. I'm going to go do what I do best.'"

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4th BCT early return announced at SOG

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

An early return for 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, was among the list of important announcements made at the Hunter Army Airfield State-of-the-Garrison briefing held Oct. 22 at the Hunter Club by Garrison Commander Col.

Todd Buchs.

The Hunter workforce received kudos from Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commanding general, who kicked off the State of the Garrison. "Congratulations on your excellent work and the great reputation you have throughout the Army," he said. "Reputations are perishable. It's up to you to sustain it."

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Mobile BNCOC team visits Stewart-Hunter, trains NCOs

Spc. Amanda McBride
4th BCT Public Affairs

In an effort to give Soldiers more time with their Families, but still make sure they complete military schools, a military training team out of Fort Gordon has provided a Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course to Soldiers stationed at Fort Stewart.

Soldiers with the 25B and 25U

military occupational specialties were given the opportunity to attend their BNCOC at home station, to provide Family time prior to or after a deployment.

"The purpose of the school was to ensure Students don't have to go on (temporary duty station)," said Staff Sgt. Terrish Butler, assigned to the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Signal Corps.

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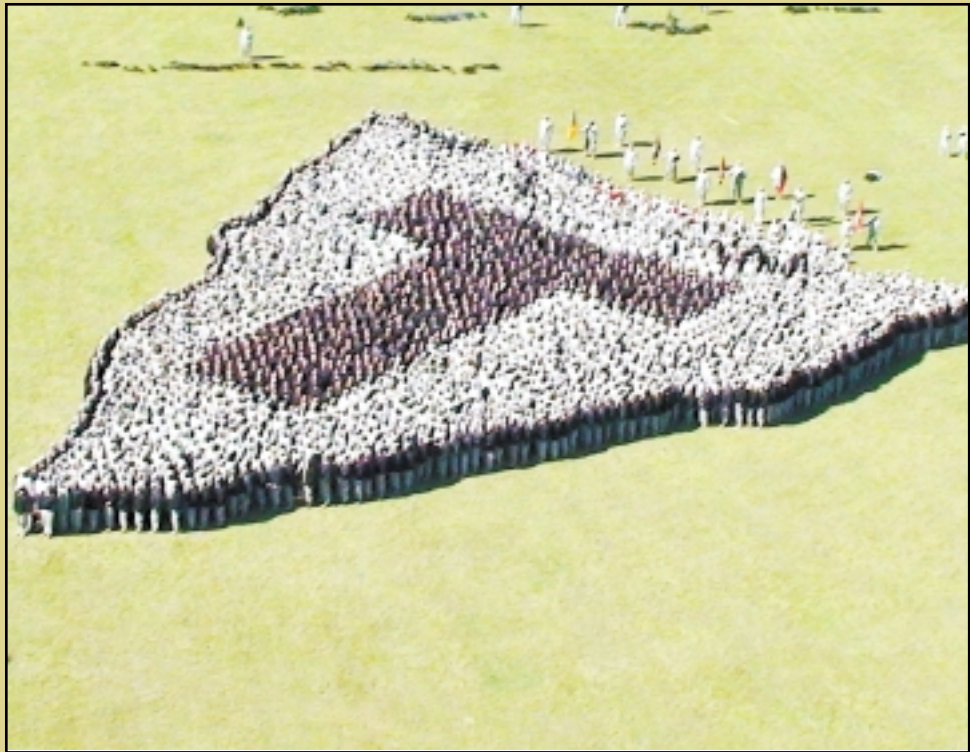


Spc. Monica Smith

Making a difference - First Sergeant John Vanvactor, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, hands food over to Erick Washington, who oversees maintenance at the Salvation Army, Oct. 24. Soldiers with the CAB volunteered to assist in the local community and support the Oct. 26 Make a Difference Day. See related stories on Pages 8A, 9A.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night to mark the end of Daylight Saving Time.

Texas Guard to case colors, roads return to normal speed



Courtesy photo

The 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Texas National Guard will case its colors during a 10 a.m. ceremony Saturday at Cottrell Field. Approximately 3,500 Soldiers from the 56th IBCT have completed post-mobilization training at Fort Stewart and are prepared to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Highways 144 and 119 will return to 55 mph Saturday. Please remember to keep safety first.

3/7 Cav Soldiers go blue

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, participated in a three-day trip aboard the USS Georgia, Oct. 18 - Oct. 20; an event which highlighted the long-standing cooperation between Army and Navy - who recently celebrated its 233rd birthday Oct. 13.

The trip was part of a two phase

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MWR Fall Fest returns Saturday

Bob Mathews
MWR Marketing

The Fall Fest, an annual fun-filled event which drew a crowd estimated at about 2,000 last year, will transform the area adjacent to Club Stewart into a place of fun for the entire Family from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation event is bound to bring smiles to the faces of youngsters who love to romp on inflatable rides, try their hand at competing with other kids, or just want to have fun with mom and dad and, it is all free.

Here's what to expect:

Inflatables, including a giant

event to reward select Soldiers and Sailors for their merit.

"We wanted to award these Soldiers who have gone above and beyond what was asked of them," said Lt. Col. William Lindner, commander, 3/7 Cav.

The 10 troops traveled aboard the USS Georgia, a nuclear-powered submarine stationed out of Kingsbay, Ga., for three days and two nights and were able to get a first-hand experience of some Sailors' day-to-day operations.

slide, bounce house, bungee run and toddler play area; The Kiddie Train, which will take small children for rides; a portable climbing wall for those who want to test their skills and strength; face painting, arts and crafts, carnival-style games, sack races, relay races, football toss, a milk-jug throw, pumpkin ring toss, a cup-cake walk, and a pie-eating contest.

Prizes will be given in all of the competitive games.

Parking will be in the Club Stewart and Newman Fitness Center parking areas. No pets are allowed.

Additionally, the Officers Spouses' Club will hold its annual Christmas bazaar at Club Stewart, building 405, during the Fall Fest.

Army operationalizing reserve component

Special to the Frontline

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - The Army is changing how it generates forces and is overhauling the National Guard and Reserve, said the commander of Forces Command Wednesday.

General Charles C. Campbell told reporters during the Association of the United States Army annual meeting that transitioning the reserve component from a strategic reserve to an operational force is a crucial part of modernizing the Army.

"We will organize the Guard and Reserve along modular lines and equip (the reserve component) in ways that make it fully interoperable with the active component," Campbell said. "There are some costs associated with that that are pretty significant, but nonetheless, at end state, our intent is to modularize the Guard and Reserve."

It's difficult and complex to operationalize the reserve component, Campbell said Tuesday at the AUSA Land Warfare Forum on the subject. But he emphasized that it's crucial.

"Clearly what is required is adequate equipment that enables home-station training" at reserve centers and armories prior to mobilization, Campbell said. He added that the Guard and Reserve must also be equipped and trained for homeland defense and homeland security.

Making sure reserve-component Soldiers have the right training and equipment is especially important because the Army relies on them so much today, and because in January of 2007, the secretary of defense shortened National Guard and Reserve mobilizations to one year for both time in theater and training at mobilization stations. So the Army needs to make training time count, he said.

Lieutenant General Michael Rochelle, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, G-1, said that prior to 2001, the Army Reserve and Guard was primarily considered a strategic reserve. Under the mobilization concept, if the balloon went up, units would be called up for the duration of a war plus six months. But that's not how they're used today, he said, with Guard and Reserve units doing rotations to theater and back.

"The Cold War mentality ... simply doesn't work in the operational environment," Rochelle said.

Because operationalizing the whole reserve component at once could cost about \$28 billion, Campbell said that right now the Army is modernizing and updating National Guard and Reserve units that have been alerted for deployment.

According to Campbell, since 2001, more than 600,000 reserve-component Soldiers have been mobilized, with 92 out of 105 National Guard brigades and a comparable percentage of the 60-plus Army Reserve brigades expected to be modularized by the end of 2009.

"Tremendous progress has been made," he said. "We certainly can be blessed as a nation for the citizen Soldiers who stand in our ranks...and have answered repetitively our nation's call. They have performed splendidly and transparently. There is no longer a differentiation between Guard and Reserve and active component. It is American Soldiers doing our nation's bidding and doing it in a way that is very notable and very conspicuous for the quality of service...and the quality of young men and women who stand in our ranks."

When National Guard and Reserve units are notified for deployment, it is after the ARFORGEN, or Army force generation process, used to prepare units for deployments based on combatant commanders' requirements.

Under ARFORGEN, units are placed in three categories based on when they're expected to be available for deployment. Units are placed in the reset/train pool after returning from a deployment and their primary mission is to rebuild and recuperate, while remaining available for disaster relief. As they prepare for future missions and undergo collective training, units move to the Ready Force pool. When they are ready to redeploy, they go back to the available force pool.

ARFORGEN synchronizes the Army modernizing, organizing, manning, training and equipping systems. The program, Campbell said, was especially successful during the surge in 2007, when ARFORGEN allowed FORSCOM to identify 30,000 additional troops and coordinate their deployment to Iraq.

"Had we not had a process like ARFORGEN, we might not have been able to deploy the capabilities and the capacities that were requested by the combatant commander in the timelines that they need-

ed," he added.

As the Army continues to fulfill, re-examine and adjust its requirements over the next year, Campbell said the Army hopes reserve-component Soldiers will soon be able to spend four years at home for every year of deployment, and that active-component Soldiers will be able to spend two years at home between deployments.

The training battalions that prepare Reserve Soldiers for deployments need to be operationalized as well, said Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the Army Reserve and commander of U.S. Army Reserve Command.

"In the Army Reserve, we have a lot of generating force, as well as expeditionary force," Stultz said. He said that some Reserve drill sergeants and trainers have been on active duty for four years. "The generating force needs to be operationalized as well," he said.

Stultz talked about recruiting and partnerships with employers. He has formed a partnership with dozens of employers across the nation in which companies will hire Reserve Soldiers after they finish their active duty. He said the next step is figuring out how to share health benefits, insurance and retirement benefits between the Army and the private sector.

Lieutenant General Clyde Vaughn, director of the Army National Guard, said that reorganizing and transforming his force included closing more than 150 armories. He said it was painful, but it enabled reorganizing a force that a few years ago was understrength and overstructured. It enabled filling units to 91 percent, he said.

Rochelle said it's important to streamline the way Guard and Reserve Soldiers are brought on active duty. He said there's currently 14 different categories of active duty for the components, to include Active Duty for Training, Active Duty Special Work and more. He said that should be streamlined to three or maybe even one.

"It's either active duty or it's not," he said.

Rochelle also said that streamlining the way to bring Individual Ready Reserve and Retired Reserve Soldiers onto active duty will be a force multiplier.

Lieutenant General James D. Thurman, deputy chief of staff for G-3/5/7, said that operationalizing the force will "change the paradigm."

Texas National Guard Soldiers become citizens



Courtesy photo

Eight Soldiers with the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Texas National Guard, were naturalized as U.S. citizens during a ceremony at Woodruff Theater, Oct. 25.

A moment in history: Camp Stewart 1941



Photos courtesy of the Fort Stewart Museum

Robert F. Yousey trained at Camp Stewart and Amelia Island in 1941 with the 107th Coastal Artillery Battalion, from New York. In 1945 he served in the Pacific theatre as a bombardier on B-29s. Yousey's Family donated photographs to the museum depicting life of a Soldier in that era. The photos range from off-time to barracks life.



Photos by Spc. Monica K. Smith

A volunteer encourages Soldiers of the 1/10 CAB, as they leave Truscott Air Terminal to board the flight that will take them on their deployment to Iraq, Oct. 21.

CAB

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Arnold previously deployed with the 4th Infantry Division to Tikrit for a year, and with the 172nd Stryker Brigade to Mosul for a 17-month tour, however, this tour brings about new challenges.

“I’m recently married so now I have a Family and now it’s different,” he said. “I’m not worried about me. I’m really not nervous. Obviously there are some concerns about my Family – if they are going to be okay. But, as for me, I’m not the least bit worried.”

Purple Heart recipient Spc. Djuan Harrington agrees and said the deployment is what each individual makes of it.

“Everybody is different,” said Harrington, also a wheel mechanic with Co. E. “For me personally I wouldn’t be nervous. It’s something I have to do. I just do it. I do what I have to do and come back to the Family.”

Still, like Arnold, Harrington, from Lake City, Fla., did face other difficulties. Considering Harrington’s Purple Heart from his previous deployment with 4th ID at Camp Taji, Iraq, Harrington says it was most difficult to leave his Family.

“No one wants me to leave,” said Harrington. “But they’re proud of me. My mom tells me ‘I’m so proud of you’ all the time. I’m not doing anything special.”

As 1/10 Avn. deploys to join the 10th Mountain Division’s Combat Aviation Brigade to support the Multi-National Division North area, both Harrington and Arnold say their previous experience allows them to help other Soldiers who are on the eve of their first deployment.

“People ask you, ‘How is it? How is the weather? How will the missions run?’ And I feel a little bit more prepared because I’ve been deployed before,” Arnold said. “It’s good though because I can help the new Soldiers, help them ease their minds, help them not be so uptight or nervous about being away from their Families.”



Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Godfrey, Hunter garrison chaplain, prays over the Soldiers of 1/10 CAB in the Truscott Air Terminal before they deploy to Iraq, Oct. 21.

Left: Spc. Djuan Harrington, Co. E, 1/10 CAB, sorts through items he received from the USO as he waits to depart Hunter, Oct. 21.



Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, the 3rd ID commanding general, sends off Soldiers with the 1/10 CAB, as they leave on deployment, Oct. 21 at Truscott Air Terminal.

Left: Soldiers with the 1/10 CAB leave the Truscott Air Terminal to board the flight that will take them on their deployment to Iraq, Oct. 21.

MG Cucolo addresses Savannah Rotary Club

Kaytrina Curtis
Public Affairs Specialist

Standing proudly before civic and community leaders at the weekly Savannah Downtown Rotary Club luncheon Tuesday, 3rd Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, along with the support of his “wing man” Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, 3rd ID command sergeant major, addressed the assembled group with updates about Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield and the 3rd ID.

He said his ties to the 3rd ID dates back to the mid-eighties, and his previous time in the community helps him understand the importance of relationship-building within the surrounding communities of the Coastal Empire. As his first address to the Savannah Downtown Rotary Club, Cucolo stated his pledge to the City of Savannah.

“(Command) Sgt. Maj. Andrews and I are committed to engaging in the community,” Cucolo said.

Stewart and Hunter have more than 19,000 servicemembers; their Families have an annual economic impact of about 4.33 billion dollars, he said.

This figure includes contractor salaries and capital investments. Stewart/Hunter are the largest ‘industry’ in the Savannah region.

“I have an incredible civilian workforce,” said Cucolo. “We are awfully proud of them.”

“I want to sustain my workforce,” Cucolo said when speaking about finding quality civilian employees. “Stewart-Hunter is a growth operation right now and I need to attract high quality healthcare professionals,

teachers, and all manner of the civilian workforce.”

Savannah Downtown Rotary Club President David Rosenblum said they are grateful to have one of the 10 stateside divisions in the Army based in this area. The financial impact of having Soldiers and their Families is tremendous, Rosenblum said.

“We want these Soldiers to understand that this community is their home away from home,” said Rosenblum. “The military means so much to the Savannah community. They (Soldiers) are not only great citizens, but they are great employees. They are always a cut above the average worker. That’s just a fact.”

Positioned only behind Fort Bliss, Texas, Stewart-Hunter is number two when it comes to military construction. Cucolo talked about new construction and future deployment plans regarding the additional fifth combat brigade to be added to Stewart.

He also informed the civic leaders of additional upcoming developments for installation growth. Before ending his presentation, Cucolo charged the community to continue to support the Soldiers and their Family members.

“The last place they saw from the airplane window as



Kaytrina Curtis

Major General Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander, addressed members of the Savannah Rotary Club Tuesday at the Coastal Georgia Center to garner continued support for the servicemembers and Family Members of the Division.

they left to fight was Savannah,” said Cucolo when talking about deploying Soldiers. “That’s our motivation, to make sure everything inside the gates at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are as good as it can be for Soldiers and their Family members. It’s our motivation, me and the sergeant major, to come out and engage the community and ask for your continued support to make everything as good as it can be for Soldiers and their Family members outside these gates.”



4th BCT redeploys early

Special to the Frontline

Fourth Brigade Combat Team prepares to redeploy in November and December, and Army Community Service encourages community members to be prepared for the move. Topics for discussion include Family advocacy, spouse battlemind training, block leave, redeployment notification, the redeployment schedule, and more.

Children’s workshops will be conducted by the Military Family Life Consultants. Age groups are 5-8, 9-12, and 13 and older. Child and Youth Services will provide care for new born to 4 year-

olds, onsite during the evening briefings; however, the spot must be reserved through hourly care for the morning briefings.

In order to have proper supplies and supervision for your children, make your reservation as soon as possible, no later than two weeks prior to your unit briefing to Kathryn Howison, 767-1749.

Briefings will be held 9-11 a.m. at the Palmetto Room, Club Stewart:

Third Battalion, 7th Infantry briefing, Nov. 5; 4-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion and 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, Nov. 6; 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, Nov. 12; and 4th Battalion, 64th Armor and 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry, Nov. 13.

Stay safe Oct. 31.
Trick-or-Treat times are 6 to 8 p.m.

- Supervise your children.
- Stay in known areas.
- Obey traffic signals.



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Marne Voices Speak Out

What are you going to dress up as Oct. 31 (Halloween)?

“Angel”

Dabia McClain, 6
Family Member



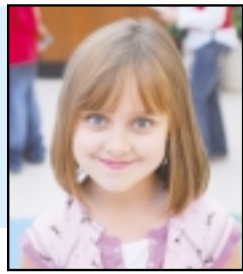
“Witch.”

Michaela Frey, 9
Family Member



“Genie.”

Chryseis Smith, 8
Family Member



“Rock star.”

Leilani Saoifanua, 6
Family Member



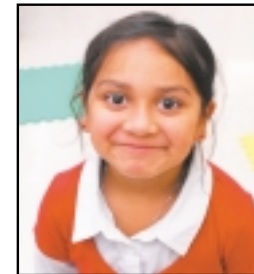
“Batman”

Torben Scott, 7
Family Member



“Dead bride.”

Christina Ledezma, 6
Family Member



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BNCOC

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“Fort Stewart’s 3rd ID just redeployed from Iraq, so instead of having all these Soldiers come to Fort Gordon and be away from their Families, we were sent down to conduct a mobile BNCOC.”

Though meant to provide returning and deploying Soldiers with an at-homestation school, it is also opened to Soldiers not on deployment status.

“Anyone can attend the course; we don’t pick and choose,” said 1st Sgt. William Evans, branch chief. “It is the unit’s responsibility to choose who they want and then to send them.”

“We come out here as a MTT to get the students the qualifications they need to go to the next level, while still meeting the same standard as the school,” he said. “While also keeping in mind those who have just redeployed and those who are about to deploy.”

Bringing the school to the Soldiers saves time and money.

It allows only a handful of instructors to be sent instead of an entire class.

A 25B, known as an information technology specialist, is responsible for maintaining, processing and troubleshooting military computer systems and operations. They supervise, install, operate and perform unit level maintenance on multifunctional and multi-user information processing systems.

“We basically make sure people have the proper communication capabilities as far as aspects of computers go,” Butler said. “We are also responsible in providing information assurance.”

A 25U, known as signal support systems specialists, is primarily responsible for working with battlefield signal support systems and terminal devices. The specialists are responsible for making sure that all communications equipment is in top working order for the units to use.

“We are often referred to as the 25 universals because we are the jack of all trades for the Signal MOS,” said Staff Sgt. Reginald Keitt, assigned to the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Signal Corps. “We’re responsible for radio communication, satellite communication and part of the 25B job.”

Though both MOS are similar, the 25B MOS is more specific, while the 25U covers a wider range of duties. But both groups can perform much of the same task while in a deployed environment due to a small amount of personnel.

To limit the amount of time away from Families,



Spc. Amanda McBride

Soldiers stationed at Fort Stewart take a test on the Blue Force Tracker system Oct. 23 in the first MTT BNCOC held here. More than 30 Soldiers are participating in the 25B and 25U courses that allows them to attend school at home-station.

units and training, the courses have been condensed in length.

Though condensed, the Soldiers still get the same curriculum, just in a smaller amount of time.

While Soldiers are in the course, they relearn the basics of their MOS and they also learn new things about their ever-changing field.

Though each of the two courses teaches MOS specific material, the training also focuses on Signal Corps history and a multitude of Soldiers skills.

“I am getting a better understanding of my MOS as a 25U,” said Sgt. Vincent Floyd, assigned to Company B, 1/3rd Brigade Troop Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Allowing Soldiers to go home every day, provides the opportunity to spend more time with Family.

Floyd recently was able to witness the birth of his third child due to the course being held in Fort Stewart.

“The mobile training team allowed me to be there for my third child, I missed the birth of my second because of deployment,” Floyd said. “With it being held here I was able to be (at the birth) without any significant changes to my grade.”

With class lasting half of what the resident course would be, the MTT BNCOC is allowing more time for Soldiers whose time is already limited.

“Soldiers are going to Afghanistan and Iraq and might be home for 10 months, and then they are back on the plane again,” Evans said. “This class is allowing Soldiers to not have to sacrifice Family time or miss training.”

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“It was awesome,” said Spc. Brad Giandomenico, Co. C, 3/7 Cav., 2nd BCT, 3ID, about the experience.

“We basically had free roam of the ship. The only place we weren’t allowed to go was the engine room.”

“We even got to pilot the ship, and work the sonar equipment,” said Spc. Ryan Kay, Co. B, 3/7 Cav. “It was nothing like the movies.”

The Soldiers were able to interact with the Sailors, observing how Sailors tackle their specific jobs and comparing life on a ship to the life of a Soldier

on ground, said Spc. Chris Swearingen, a combat medic with HHT, 3/7 Cav.

“As a combat medic, I was able to talk to and see how the ship’s medic operated on a submarine,” said Swearingen.

The ship is such a small community with limited personnel that the ship only has a single corpsman, the Navy equivalent of an Army combat medic, said Swearingen.

The Soldiers were also able to witness Navy traditions, such as the

interaction of Sailors inside of the galley.

“We first sat down in the galley which is pretty different then a mess hall,” said Spc. Myles Chapin, Co. B, 3/7 Cav. “All of these junior Sailors would come up to the table and refill your drinks or serve rolls.”

“The galley was awesome; since the Sailors are out at sea for so long the galley and the food is a huge morale builder,” Chapin said. “The food was surprisingly good; everything was hand-made right in front of you.”

Since the ship is constantly running and has to be manned 24 hours a day, the galley operates as a command post all on its own, Sailors are able to monitor the ship’s status as a constant flow of information is displayed on monitors through out the ship.

“It was a great opportunity to see a different side of the military, and to also see how much we are alike as well as how much we differ,” Kay said.

Linder said the Sailors are invited to walk in the boots of a Cavalry Soldier sometime in February.

Veterans' Corner

-Still serving



Freedom Team Salutes honors Vets, more

Special to the Frontline

Recognizing that a simple expression of gratitude can mean so much, the U.S. Army created a program to highlight the essential bond between Soldiers, parents, spouses, Civilian employees, Army supporters and veterans. Freedom Team Salute celebrates the sacrifices made by all those who have served, as well as those who support today's Soldiers.

The program offers Soldiers a sincere, heartfelt way to say "Thank You" to their parents and spouses. It strives to honor the millions of U.S. Army veterans who served with distinction, and who remain steadfast champions of the Army. It further recognizes the support shown, and sacrifices made, by employers during these trying times. It also connects and strengthens our proud Army supporters, and numerous communities, bound by the same values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

"It allows you to show someone who supported you, that they are an appreciated part of the Army team," said James Fleming, Army Community Service FTS coordinator, 767-5058. "The process of extending your gratitude is a simple as visiting www.freedomteamsalute.com and nominating your team player."

Freedom Team Salute is an official U.S. Army funded pro-

gram under the director of the Secretary of the Army and Army Chief of Staff. It began in May 2005.

The program produces and distributes commendations to five categories of people; Parents and Spouses, Veterans, Employers, and Army Supporters.

Commendations may be mailed directly to the recipient or to the person submitting the commendation, if the presentation is in person. The program has more than 500 volunteer ambassadors across the country and overseas who help FTS recognize and honor deserving individuals. As of August 2008, more than 1.4 million people received the commendation, according to www.freedomteamsalute.com.

Anyone wishing to honor larger groups of individuals may forward their lists to FTS either electronically or by mail. All that is required is the full name, mailing address, and category, of the person deserving the commendation.

Every honoree receives an official certificate of appreciation and a personalized letter of thanks signed by the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff. A lapel pin identifying their category, and two army decals. Parents also receive a "Proud Parent of a Soldier" decal. The entire package is prepared and mailed at no cost to either the person making the recommendation, or the recipient.

FTS also sponsors a formal

network of Ambassadors who help thank our Nation's U.S. Army Veterans and who assist in promoting Freedom Team

Salute on and around U.S. installations. Anyone interested in the Ambassador program should contact ftsambassador

@hqda.army.mil. Anyone wishing to know more about FTS should contact info@freedomteamsalute.com.

GMACC visits installation



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Members of the Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee pose with 3rd Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews before touring Fort Stewart, Oct. 20.

Hold on to important VA phone numbers

All Veterans and retirees should be aware of their benefits through Veterans Affairs and who to contact for various services. On Fort Stewart, your initial contact is the Department of Veterans Affairs military service coordinators Richard Banks and Daniel Reeves. They are available to help veterans with every issue from Education benefits to Health care. Their phone number is 368-6950. For more detailed information the following phone contacts are available:

VA Benefits 1-800-827-1000
 Education 1-888-442-4551
 Health Care 1-877-222-8387
 Life Insurance 1-800-669-8477
 Mental Health or referral services (Savannah Vet Center) 652-4097
 Debt Management 1-800-827-0648
 Mammography Hotline 1-888-492-7844
 CHAMPVA 1-800-733-8387
 VASuicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255
 Tele. Devices for Deaf 1-800-829-4823

GARRISON

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Colonel Todd Buchs, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, followed Cucolo and reaffirmed the quality work accomplished by employees at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in the last six months.

“Because we operate at such a fast pace, we don’t recognize all that we do,” Buchs said, adding that the state of the garrison address gives him the opportunity to look back on those accomplishments made at the garrison and by individuals in the workforce who have gone above and beyond their normal work requirements.

One Stewart-Hunter garrison accomplishment included qualifying as one of seven finalists in the Army Community of Excellence competition. Stewart-Hunter was not allowed to compete the last two years after winning the title three consecutive years— 2004, 2005 and 2006.

“This year, let’s bring it home where it belongs,” Buchs said.

The senior garrison commander also said that “having a plan” allowed the installation to get additional funds to execute its mission.

Recently, \$5 million was received for training and were used to build small arms ranges; improve improvised explosive device ranges; and change generator

powered ranges over to commercial power, greatly improving their operational ability.

Power projection readiness has also improved over the last six months with motor pool renovations at Fort Stewart and Hunter, along with \$7.2 million in upgrades to Hunter and Wright Army Airfields.

In June, The Directorate of Logistics earned the Department of the Army Deployment Excellence Award for the outstanding support it provides customers. It’s the second time DOL has received the award in the last five years.

Twenty new kiosks now allow the garrison workforce to improve its ability to serve customers. Since their installation, customer service comments have increased more than 100 percent garrison-wide.

Community involvement continues to increase in the outlying communities of Stewart -Hunter with air shows and an expanding list of civilian events shared with Soldiers, their Families, Civilians and retirees. The number of civilian events supported by the 3rd ID continues to rise. Relationships with the community have been enhanced with the Community Army Covenant ceremony where 17 community leaders pledged their continued support to our local military community.

Safety core programs have grown within the last six

months. A new motorcycle simulator at Fort Stewart, the first in the Army, is now being used to train Soldiers.

Buchs said Army Civilians play a major role in the readiness of the fighting force. He ended his address by thanking all the work accomplished by the Hunter workforce and by giving special recognition to the following awardees:

Army Deployment Excellence Award

The Directorate of Logistics staff received the Department of the Army Deployment Excellence Award in June, recognizing their outstanding customer support. This year they have deployed or redeployed more than 12,100 pieces of equipment and 26,700 Soldiers.

Stalwart Award

James (Jim) Niksch was awarded the Stalwart Award for his work with DOL.

Commander’s Award for Civilian Service

Steven Hart, Hunter Public Affairs, was awarded the Commanders Award for Civilian Service, for exemplary leadership from January through May.

He led the Task Force Marne Home Station Marketing Operation to repeatedly reach a weekly goal of three media interviews from Iraq for each of the division’s five senior leaders. Altogether, senior leaders conducted more than 300 interviews with news agencies throughout the country.

Achievement Awards

Jean Ellis, Directorate of Logistics, received recognition for outstanding customer service as the senior DOL Central Issue Facility functional expert.

Anthony Ford and Wayne Hinson, Directorate of Public Works, received Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts in the Special Barracks Inspection Team.

Jennifer Bishop, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and David Gregg, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, received Leadership Development Certificates for their completion of the Mid-Level Leadership Program in August.

Hunter Lodging staff, DMWR, received the Army Lodging 2008 Lodging Operation of the Year award in the small lodging category.

Service Awards

Thirty Years of Service certificates were awarded to Ronald Elling, DPTMS, Edward Lally, DPW, and Edward Wing, DPW.

Twenty-five Years of Service certificates were awarded to Rosie CookeVerrett, DES, Bryan Frayer, DES, Tanya McCarty, DPW, Tang Nguyen, DPW and Bernard Taylor, DPTMS.

Twenty Years of Service certificates were awarded to Paul Ahrens, DES and Veronica Frazier, DPW.



Diane Johnson

Hunter Lodging staff members receive the Army Lodging 2008 Lodging Operation of the Year in the small lodging category award.

Pictured left to right are: Lt. Col. Dan Whitney, Hunter garrison commander; staff members Joan Shannon, Ethel Sullivan and Annie Farmer; Marvin Johnson, assistant manager; and Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart-Hunter garrison commander.

3rd ID, communities join forces to 'Make a Difference'

Special to the Frontline

The spirit of partnership was exhibited Oct. 12 as Hinesville Mayor Jim Thomas met with representatives from Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, and local

community members signed a proclamation naming Oct. 25 as Make a Difference Day in Hinesville.

Thomas said whereas serious social problems concerning the nation threaten its future; and connecting with others and working together through volunteer service can bridge the differences that separate people and help solves those problems.

The proclamation said volunteer centers have joined to promote an annual national day of doing good that celebrates and strengthens the spirit of volunteer service.

"Volunteer service is an investment in the future we all must share," Thomas said. His sentiments were shared by community members who attended the signing to show their support. Those in attendance came from civic groups like the Veterans Council, Hinesville Board of Realtors, Winn Army Community Hospital, and Army Community Services.

Vickie Wiginton, ACS Volunteer Coordinator said there were many opportunities where individuals could 'Make a Difference' in the local area, like the Senior Citizen Center in Hinesville; the Rebuilding Together - Savannah project; Liberty County's Manna House, the Liberty County Humane Shelter; and Gabriel's House.

The Marne Division also proclaimed Oct. 20-25 as the 3ID Week of Volunteerism in support of Make A Difference Day with 15 major community projects throughout the Savannah and Hinesville areas. Soldiers and Family members linked forces to

demonstrate reciprocating support and give back to the local communities for all the support provided to Soldiers and their Families during deployments.

Among the efforts, the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade help support the Economic Opportunity Authority for Savannah/Chatham County Area at the Wesley Center, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Savannah Baptist Church; the Salvation Army. In that effort Soldiers also help deliver collected food items.

Also helping in Savannah, the 554th Company, 92nd Engineer Battalion participated with Rebuilding Together - Savannah, as nearly 30 Soldiers helped repair a low-income house.

Although the Liberty County Fall Fest was postponed to Nov. 1, Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 9th Field volunteered to assist with hayrides, climbing wall, kiddy rides and costume contest.

Brigitte Shanken, volunteer coordinator for Winn Army Community Hospital with the support of her husband, Jimmy, signed on to help at Gabriel's House, a non-profit Foster Care Facility in Hinesville for newborn children to 17-year-olds.

Lieutenant Colonel Greg Sierra, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment Commander and Maria Eggers 2/7 Family Readiness Support Advisor also signed on to help at Gabriel's house with the more than 40 Soldier-volunteers to help - living up to the unit's motto, "Willing and Able." (See related story on page 9A.)

The 4th Brigade Combat Team helped the United Way-Keep Liberty County Beautiful as about 20 Soldiers conducted clean-up efforts at Jones Creek in Midway, Islands Highway Marshes in Midway, Midway Fire Department and a portion of Highway 17 in Midway.

First Battalion, 41st Field Artillery jumped in to lend a helping hand at the Fort Stewart Family Readiness Center, helping clean up and assisted with beautification projects.

Special Troops Battalion assisted Helen's Haven Shelter for Abuse Women with about 10 Soldiers conducting maintenance, beautification projects including building an office wall and vinyl flooring.

In addition, 3rd Brigade Support Battalion also lent their support to the Second Harvest Food Bank, collecting food and stocking shelves at the center.

But assistance wasn't limited to humans, as Troops from 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry provided assistance at the Liberty County Humane Shelter Oct. 24, Helping with animal care, facility maintenance, equipment repair and cleaning.

Editors Note: Contributing information provided by Vickie Wigginton, Army Community Services; Kevin Larson, Chief, Public Information; and Pat Young, Managing Editor.



Spc. Amanda McBride

Pfc. Earl Mccorkle, assigned to 1/76 FA, 4th BCT, helps clean up Highway 17 during Make a Difference Day, Oct. 25. The Brigade teamed up to clean the highways and waterways in Midway and Sunbury to keep both the environment and community safe.

courtesy photo

Below: Lt. Col. Kirk Dorr, poses with his wife Leigh, with Sandra Frye and Michelle Schram from the Liberty County Animal Shelter, Oct. 26 as Soldiers and Family of the unit lent a helping hand.



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills

Jackie Bias, office secretary, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Savannah, holds the door for Spc. Michelle Lepage, chaplain's assistant, and Chap. (Capt.) Jonathan Fisher as they deliver donated food for Make a Difference Day, Oct. 24.

Courtesy photo

Left: Pfc. Patrick J. Lehman, 1/41 FA helps stock the cabinets with food at the Family Readiness Center as part of 3ID's Week of Volunteerism.



Pfc. Jared Eastman

Lieutenant Colonel Johnney Matthews, 1/3rd BSB commander, and Command Sgt. Major Solomon Cliff serve Master Sgt. Paul Robinson of HHC, 3rd BSB, and his daughter Me'lea, 11, at Corkan Recreational Park, Saturday during the battalion's Soldier-Family recreation day that supported Make a Difference Day.

Winn sponsors Family day for foster children

Ann Erickson
MEDDAC Public Affairs

Winn Army Community Hospital's motto is "First to Care" and that is exactly what staff members did Oct. 25.

Winn's "Make a Difference Day" in Liberty County focused on a family day for the Gabriel's House foster children at the Gabriel's House Ranch.

"Make a Difference Day," a national day of helping others that recognizes neighbors helping neighbors. America's largest day of doing good deeds is celebrated every year on the fourth Saturday in October.

"We are spearheading this particular volunteer drive but because it's for a great cause," said Brigitte Shanken, Winn's Volunteer Director. "We have been blessed to have other units/organizations joining us in this effort."

Other local groups who joined Winn at the ranch were the Girl Scouts of USA of Liberty, Long County and Fort Stewart; 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team; Vietnam Veterans of America and many community members.

Family-day activities with the foster children included outdoor and indoor games, horse back riding, face painting, popcorn, a cookout and live entertainment.

Winn and the other local groups also presented donations to the children with items like baby products, toys, books, clothing and board games, to name a few.

"We, Winn Army Community Hospital, are in the business of taking care of people on a daily basis,"



Pat Young

Brigitte Shanken, Winn Army Community Volunteer Coordinator, looks on as Hinesville Mayor Jim Thomas signs a proclamation naming Oct. 25 as Make a Difference Day, as 2/7 Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Greg Sierra, witnesses Oct. 12 at Hinesville City Hall.

Shanken said. "We want to make a difference on an individual rather than a structure or nature. Many non-profit organizations in our community have an already established visibility drawing volunteers to their centers."

Gabriel's House is a 60-bed facility located in Hinesville that provides shelter for boys and girls ages 0-17.

The purpose of Gabriel's House is to provide a quality home environment and/or temporary shel-

ter for foster children.

The facility was created specifically to prevent siblings from being separated into separate foster homes after being removed from their primary residence by the Department of Family and Children Services.

"If we, as a military community hospital and with the support of other military units and the community in general, could bring a smile to a child's face, we have conquered the world," said Shanken.

Spartan Soldiers support Marne Week of Volunteerism

Pfc. Crystal Bradley
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Spartan Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, participated in several volunteer efforts during Marne Week of Volunteerism, Oct. 19-25, here and throughout the community of Hinesville.

Duties performed by these Soldiers ranged from being prepared to donate blood to chatting with elderly citizens of Hinesville.

Specialist Jasmine Iacolino, Spc. Robert L. Williams, and Spc. Matthew J. Beason, all of Headquarters in Headquarters Company, 2nd BCT, 3ID, gave a helping hand to the Red Cross located at the 2nd Lt. Audie Murphy Soldier Service Center, Friday.

"I think it's very important to be here volunteering today," said Iacolino. "I personally can not give blood, but I was able to come here to assist in any way I could. By being here today, I am helping my fellow Soldiers as well as the community."

Williams said, "When Marne Week of Volunteerism was announced in formation a few days back, I was ready to volunteer for volunteering. Doing things like this gives me a chance to give back. It makes you realize that it is small things like this that mean the most."

Beason shared similar sentiments.

"I chose to volunteer to at the Red Cross. It doesn't matter where you volunteer, as long as you can help in some way," he said. "I feel as if volunteering is an everyday thing for Soldiers. When we do things like this, we are setting examples community-wide."

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment vol-

unteered at the Liberty County Multi-Purpose Center, Friday.

They served and had lunch with the elders that regularly attend the center for lunch and other services provided.

"Marne Soldiers have always been supportive of the center," said Gloria B. Simmons, the supervisor of the center. "The senior citizens love to see the young Soldiers; they light up whenever the Soldiers are around. They mostly talk to the Soldiers about their personal experiences while in the military, telling the Soldiers about what things have remained the same and what things have changed. The Soldiers always seem happy to be here, and the seniors are glad to know that someone cares."

Sergeant Kevin I. Bagnall, 1/64 AR said, "I love volunteering here. The guys here are really cool. Most have served in the military at some point in their lives so it's just interesting to listen to some of the insight



Pfc. Crystal Bradley

Sergeant Kevin I. Bagnall (left, standing) and Pfc. Brandon Overholt (right, standing), both Soldiers with 1/64th AR, listen as retired Soldiers Theron Risningel (left, sitting), John Hutchins (center, sitting), and Yules M. Aspinwall (right, sitting) describe their military experiences, Oct. 24.

that they have. If we didn't come out here and volunteer to talk to these guys, we'd be forgetting about them. They deserve to know that the things they did for our country are recognized and appreciated."



Spc. Monica K. Smith

Soldiers take up a kneeling position and prepare to fire while training at the Engagement Skills Trainer facility, Oct. 24, at Hunter Army Airfield.

CAB Soldiers hone BRM skills, techniques

Spc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

As the rain steadily fell Friday morning, a Soldier could be heard asking a friend, "Are you ready to play some duck hunt?"

Though not playing video games this morning, the Soldiers of 603rd Aviation Support Battalion did have the opportunity to hone their rifle marksmanship skills, Oct. 24 at the Hunter Army Airfield Engagement Skills Trainer facility.

"The purpose was weapons familiarization," said Staff Sgt. Michael Robinson, member of Company B, 603rd ASB, who with Gregory Davis, served as the instructor at the EST. "Hopefully we can get Soldiers familiar with what they will be required to do at the range and train on basic marksmanship skills."

The EST is an indoor program, similar to a video game, where groups of Soldiers take up positions with electronic weapons and fire on digital targets projected on a screen.

Each group consists of 10 Soldiers who fire six series of engagements, called tables, while wearing their Kevlar and Individual Body Armor.

The first three tables are for grouping and helps automatically bring the weapon to center mass.

Once the Soldiers have grouped, the qualification tables begin. Each Soldier receives 40 digital rounds, and is required to hit 23 of 30 targets while

in the prone supported, prone unsupported and kneeling positions to qualify

Once the tables are completed, coaches provide help to the Soldiers, reminding them of basic rifle fundamentals of steady position, aiming, breathing and trigger squeeze.

In addition, the program allows Soldiers to see where their rounds are firing and shows the pattern of the weapon as the Soldiers acquire their sight picture.

"It shows graphically and visually your own firing errors on a mechanical machine," said Sgt. Roque Luna, member of Company C, 603rd ASB. "It shows where your fault lies between your firing sessions."

Though the EST does not give an identical experience one would receive at a range with live rounds, Pfc. Matt Campbell, Company C, 603rd ASB, said the weapons familiarization is what is important.

"There's not as much kick back and it's not as loud, but this gives us time behind the rifle," said Campbell. "Practice makes perfect which makes us more effective in combat."

As the rain continued to fall into the afternoon, Luna remarked on other positive aspects of the EST.

"It's cost effective and there's less of a mess for Soldiers to pick up," said Luna.

Then looking at the rain he added, "Also, you can train whether it's raining, snowing, or thunder storming."

Education Matters



Directorate of Human Resources

American Education Week slated

Army educators join educators from across the country to celebrate American Education Week, Nov. 17-21. This year's theme is "Army Education: Strong Soldiers, Families and Communities."

The education centers at Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart offer a variety of programs to assist Soldiers and Family Members in obtaining their college degree as well as Adult Education.

At Fort Stewart, General Educational Development and English as a second language programs are also conducted at the education center.

Representatives from colleges and the community will participate in activities highlighting education opportunities for Soldiers and Family Members during American Education Week.

During the week, displays will be set up in the lobby of the Sgt. First Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center highlighting the programs of the Army Community Services, Red Cross, Army Chapel, Family Readiness Support and the Hinesville Chamber of Commerce.

At the education center at Fort Stewart, our local Veterans Administrative office will give a detailed VA briefing at 1 p.m., Nov. 17.

On Nov 18, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fort Stewart, Central Texas College and Armstrong Atlantic State University representatives will be on-hand to direct those interested in the field of education, from the Associate to the Master degree requirements. Education counselors will have a table at the Fort Stewart post exchange 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 19. They will show you education and financial aid opportunities and give out informative materials.

On Nov. 20, a variety of local and out of area college representatives will have displays at both Hunter and Stewart education centers' locations to answer your questions concerning available programs including distance learning opportunities.

College Day Open House will be conducted from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Hunter, building 1290; and from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p.m. at Stewart, building 100. Also an Armstrong Atlantic State University representative will be able to guide anyone interested in pursuing a degree program in Nursing.

More details on colleges will be in the Nov. 6 issue of The Frontline.

Free FAFSA Workshops slated

Do you want assistance in filling out your PELL Grant application? Savannah Technical College in Hinesville, is offering free workshops for the military community. Two workshops will be held each day, 10 a.m. or 3 p.m., Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 at the Airport Road Liberty Campus media center. Entry will be denied if students are more than 10 minutes late.

You do not have to be a Savannah Tech student to attend the "Free Application For Federal Student Aid" session.

Please bring your 2007 income tax return, and if military or a military spouse a copy of a 2007 Leave and Earnings Statement is also required. You may review the application form at this site: www.fafsa.ed.gov. For additional information call 408-2430.

Buyer beware for CLEP material

Be aware of sales people who offer overpriced College Level Examination Program study materials. It is not necessary to spend thousands to prepare for the CLEP. Also commercial CLEP study materials by Petersons, Barrons and others are available for free at the Fort Stewart and Hunter post libraries.

There is no need to spend money for expensive materials when the they are available for free or for a much lower cost at a bookstores or on-line.

The education center suggests you go to the following websites, www.freeuniv.com and for a free CLEP success book and practice tests, log into www.petersons.com/army.

This site is associated with the Department of Defense Morale, Welfare and Recreation libraries and it is a wealth of information for all type of national and military exams including the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery, officer candidate school and flight aptitude exams.

Talk to you college advisor or an education counselor to see if the CLEP fits into your degree program.

One week, daytime courses available

Central Texas College is now offering one semester hour daytime college classes that you can complete in just five days! Classes meet for three hours and are available during the mornings or afternoons. Materials are included; you do not have to purchase textbooks. This is a great opportunity to earn elective credits for general studies, computers and management degrees.

Management courses will run throughout the month at the Sgt. 1st Class Education Center, and Hunter Army Airfield education center. Active duty Soldiers using tuition assistance must meet with an education counselor for a course override. For a list of upcoming courses, go to your education center or call 767-2070 at Stewart or 459-5181 at Hunter.

Tuition allowance made available

All active duty members have \$4,500 per fiscal year available for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits offered by the Veterans Administration. Details are covered at 1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, during a one-hour briefing at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, room 223. For information, call 767-8331 at Stewart or 315-6130 at Hunter.

Savannah Tech information sessions held

Savannah Technical College is offering weekly information sessions to explain their college, certificate, diploma programs and the HOPE/PELL grants. The college representatives will highlight a different program of study every other Tuesday, 2 p.m. in room 206, building 100, Fort Stewart. Schedule sessions for next month are marketing Nov. 6, and dental assistants Nov. 20.

While the majority of courses are held at the Liberty Campus on Airport Road, many classes are conducted at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. Some computer and general education courses are offered on-line. For more information, go to www.savannahtech.edu and www.gsfc.org or call 408-2430 at Stewart. You may also contact Savannah Tech in Hinesville at 408-3024 or in Savannah at 443-5700.

E-mail counselor-support made available

Need to reach an Army education counselor? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop email address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at stewcounselor@conus.army.mil.

Take GED enrichment courses

General Educational Development diploma and adult education classes are offered in partnership with the Savannah Technical College Adult Education Program-Liberty County and the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. The courses prepare you to take the GED exam or refresh your skills. The courses are free of charge. Courses are on a space available basis and the class schedule is subject to change quarterly. The choices for this quarter are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday; 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday; or 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday. For detailed instructions, call 368-7322 or e-mail ccoleman@savannahtech.edu.

Free, discounted courses made available

Columbia College Spouse's Opportunity Scholarship provides spouses of military personnel a tuition waiver for the initial classroom "in seat" course at both the Stewart and Hunter education center sites. It is not necessary for the active duty member to be a Columbia College student. In addition, Columbia offers a 20 percent tuition discount for "in-seat" classes only to spouses of active duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel. For more information on this and other spouse opportunities Columbia College provides, visit www.ccis.edu/military/spouses.asp. Then arrange to meet with an academic advisor by calling 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter.

College classes for Warriors offered

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield education centers are supporting Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being presented by Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical

University. Additional types of courses may be added in future terms as long as interest prevails. To enroll, Warriors must sign up through the GoArmyEd portal online. Additional enrollment steps are required for ERAU. Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart's Warrior Transition Unit will be temporarily served at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. For more information, call 767-8331. Soldiers stationed at Hunter can contact Fay Ward at the Education Center, building 1290 or call 315-6130. Their hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also contact the counselors in building 100 at Stewart, 767-8331 for assistance.

ERAU office location change

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Assistant Director of Academic Support, Kenyetta Northcutt has a new office location, room 144 in the Sgt 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday. Embry Riddle is not just aviation. Northcutt can meet with you to discuss all their programs, particularly concentrations in management, logistics and occupational safety and health. For more information click www.erau.edu/savannah or call 767-0339. You may also contact Jennifer Furlong at Hunter, 355-0644.

Green-to-Gold briefing slated

The Green-to-Gold briefings are held at the installation education centers every month. On Stewart the briefings are 2 p.m., the first and third Thursday of each month. The Hunter briefings are 2 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday.

Take CLEP, DANTES exams

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$85 and DSSTs are \$90 for non-military examinees.

CES training made available

The Civilian Education System provides the Army Civilian Corps self-development and institutional training opportunities to develop leadership attributes through distance learning and resident training. If you are unfamiliar with CES, this link will take you to Army Management Staff College site for CES, or learn more, visit online at www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/ces.

Apply for the HOPE Grant

The Georgia HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial needs to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family Member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. Visit online at www.gsfc.org.

Spouse scholarship slated

Central Texas College will provide free tuition for up to 30 semester hours in one year, for spouses of Purple Heart recipients. Scholarship applications are being accepted now. To verify eligibility, qualifying spouses must present a copy of the military member's Department of Defense Form 214 or orders reflecting the award of a Purple Heart since September 2001, marriage license, Department of Defense identification card or other type of photo ID.

The scholarship covers in or out-of-state tuition and mandatory fees. More information is available on the CTC Web site at www.ctcd.edu/militaryspouses. The scholarship application will be available online and at all CTC locations; Fort Stewart, 876-4045 or Hunter, 315-4095. In addition to tuition scholarships, CTC's textbook partner, MBS Direct will offer free books to qualifying spouses.

Troops-To-Teachers briefings slated

The Georgia Troops-to-Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified servicemembers of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. For more information, visit online at www.tttga.net and www.sttga.net or call 1-800-745-0709.

change agreement).

- Youth at least 16 years of age can be employed year round in certain NAF positions where conditions and duties meet all criteria of Federal and State of Georgia Child Labor Laws.

- NAF offers a Management Trainee Program that is targeted to annually hire 20 recent college graduates who have bachelor's degrees in certain MWR specialties.

- Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and will be used to fill Management Trainee Program vacancies as necessary. Go to www.armymwr.biz and click on Programs for more information.

- Eligible employees who move between DOD NAF positions and APF positions in any agency can "port" certain benefits such as retirement, leave, service credit, etc.

Need job counseling, resume assistance?

Contact Army Community Services and ask for the employment readiness program manager at 767-5058. For further information on employment opportunities, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Job Information Center at 767-5051.



Looking for employment?

Opportunities for permanent employment are available in non-appropriated funds - Morale, Welfare, and Recreation jobs at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The following are positions with frequent vacancies. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

- Child and Youth Program Assistant* (entry skill, and target levels), \$10.39 to \$12.73 per hour
- Recreation Aid* - \$5.85 - \$7 per hour
- Operations Assistant* - \$5.85 to \$8 per hour
- Cook* - \$8.70 per hour
- Hotel Desk Clerk* - \$7 to \$7.50 per hour
- Cashier* - \$8 per hour
- Custodial Worker* - \$7.72 per hour
- Waiter/Waitress* (Trainee) - \$7.17 to \$8.17 per hour
- Food Service Worker* - \$7.17 per hour

Bartender - \$8.70 per hour

Laborer- \$7.72 per hour

To search for these positions, go to cpol.army.mil; click on Employment; click on Search for Jobs at the bottom of the page under Search-Announcement, type in SCNAFDW% then click on "Get Announcement" or hit the enter key.

Did you know?

- You don't have to be a US Citizen to be employed by non-appropriated funds.
 - Spouse eligibility placement can be used multiple times for employment in "flexible" status positions.
 - You do not lose eligibility until you are placed in a regular full or part-time position, NAF, or appropriated funds.
 - There is a hiring preference in NAF for Involuntarily Separated Military Members and their eligible Family Members.
 - Current NAF employees who have worked one continuous year in a position without time limits are eligible to be considered for Civil Service (Government Service or Wage Grade) jobs the same as APF employees who transfer to Army (under the Department of Defense/Office of Professional Management inter-

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Come to Trunk-or-Treat

Sponsored by community mayors and Army Community Services, Trunk-or-Treat will be held 6-8 p.m., Friday at Newman Field at Fort Stewart and the Hunter Club parking lot. Hand your candy out from the trunk of your car instead of your home for a safe, fun and friendly experience.

Advanced registration required and forms turned in by Friday. Prizes will be awarded for best adult and child costume, and decorated vehicle.

For more information, call ACS at 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter. In addition, the Marne-tron is scheduled to show “The Nightmare before Christmas” at Cottrell Field 5-9 p.m. on a continuous loop. For more information or to register your vehicle, call Army Community Services at 767-5088.

Special Forces briefings held

Briefings are held noon, 2 and 5 p.m., every Wednesday at the Special Forces Recruiting Office, building 160, Garry Owen St. or at Hunter Army Airfield every Tuesday, noon and 1 p.m. at the Hunter Education Center, room 25. Physical training tests are given 7 a.m. every Friday at Donovan Parade Field. The uniform is the Army Combat Uniform and running shoes. For more information, call 767-1400.

Visit CHRTAS for employee tools

A new era has arrived in Fiscal Year 2009 with the Civilian Human Resources Training Application System. Visit www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas. The Web site includes Historical training and individual develop plans. The site includes employee profiles, career roadmaps, rating period information, and much more.

Stewart

Expect delays at fuel pumps

Now through Friday construction at Victory and Bryan Village Shoppettes will close water monitoring wells. This will cause a reduction in use of one lane (two fuel pumps) for two to four hours while the other lanes remain open for sales during this period. For more information, call Dale Keifer at 767-4629.

Give a little, buy a lot

Fort Stewart Youth Challenge is conducting a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 17-18. building 13503 on Fort Stewart on Murrey Street, located off of 16th Street. Youth Challenge is supporting the American Red Cross in their endeavors to help make a difference. Give the gift of life. Give blood.

Legal Office closes

The Fort Stewart Legal Office will be closed Friday during the Division Training Holiday. Business will resume Monday. For more information, call 767-8809.

WRESP accepting patients

The Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program is now open at Winn Army Community Hospital. This laser eye surgery is available to active-duty Soldiers who have 18 months remaining on active-duty at time of surgery. Family Members and retirees are not authorized treatment under the WRESP program. Please go to the WRESP Center at Winn to pick up a packet. For more information, visit www.winn.amedd.army.mil or call 435-6633.

Commissary holiday hours announced

The Fort Stewart commissary announced its holiday hours. The commissary will resume normal hours in January 2009.

Nov. 24	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 27	Closed
Nov. 28	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 22	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 24.	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25	Closed
Dec. 26	10 a.m.to 4 p.m.
Jan. 1	Closed

Learn about on-post school events

The next school board meeting is Nov. 18 at Kessler Elementary School. The anti-bullying program will be briefed. Influenza immunizations will be available at the schools. For more information call Ford Stone at Brittin Elementary. The flu shot have been coordinated for Nov. 10 and 17 at Brittin; Nov. 14 and 19 at Diamond; and Nov. 13 and 18 at Kessler.

DFAC changes serving hours

Third Infantry Division installation dining facilities will change serving hours for Thursdays to support Sergeants’ Time training and adjust weekend serving hours to support brunch and supper meals. New serving hours starts today or as required upon re-opening of respective dining. The new DFAC hours and the effect-ed days are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Breakfast, 6:30 – 9 a.m.
Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Breakfast, 5:30 – 7 a.m.
Lunch, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner, 4-5:30 p.m.
Weekends, holidays
Brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
Supper, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

4th BCT redeployment briefs slated

Fourth Brigade Combat Team redeploys in November and December. Briefs are scheduled to help prepare for reuniting with your loved one.

Topics for discussion include Family advocacy, spouse battlemind training, block leave, redeploy-ment notification, the redeployment schedule, and more.

Children’s workshops will be conducted by the Military Family Life Consultants. Age groups are 5-8, 9-12, and 13 and older.

Child and Youth Services will provide care for new born to 4-year-olds, on-site during the evening brief-ings; however, the spot must be reserved through hourly care for the morning briefings. Reserve child care as soon as possible by calling Kathryn Howison, 767-1749, kathryn.howison@us.army.mil.

Briefings will be held 9-11 a.m. at the Palmetto Room, Club Stewart: 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry briefing on Nov. 5; 4-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion and 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery on Nov. 6; 703d Brigade Support Battalion on Nov. 12; and 4th Battalion, 64th Armor and 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry on Nov. 13.

Hunter

Enjoy Fall Festival

Enjoy a safe, non-scary Halloween alternative 6 – 8 p.m., Friday at Hunter Chapel. Infants to 6th graders meet in the fellowship hall. Middle/high school student activities will be held are in the religious education building.

Civilian employee fitness sign-up extended

Newman and Tominac fitness centers have extended sign-up for the Civilian Employee Fitness Program, which runs through Dec. 11. For more information, call 767-3031 or 315-2019 at Hunter.

Legal Assistance Office closes

Hunter Legal Assistance Office will be closed Friday, Nov. 10 and 11 for training holidays and Veteran’s Day. For more information, call 315-5115.



Balfour Beatty Communities



Cell phones offered

Help Soldiers overseas call home. By donating any old cell phone, you can help provide calling cards for Soldiers serving overseas. The phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone – enough to provide an hour of talk time to Soldiers abroad. The event starts Nov. 3. Drop boxes can be found at Liberty Woods Leasing Office, Southern Oaks Community Center and New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center.

Joint Neighborhood Huddles:

To make it possible for every neigh-

borhood to have a huddle once a month, we are combining all neighbor-hood huddles into one 10:30 a.m., Nov. 12 at the playground across from Brittin Elementary School. Another will be held on Hunter 10:30 a.m., Nov. 18 at the Balfour Beatty Communities office. BBC representatives, along with the Directorate of Emergency Services will be there to address any issues or concerns residents may have with their neighborhoods. Please use this oppor-tunity to help make your community a great place to live!

Get financial planning help

Need some help budgeting for that

Christmas list that just seems to keep getting longer? This seminar is a great opportunity to get you on the right track 10:30 a.m., Nov. 13 at Southern Oaks Community Center on Stewart, and 10:30 a.m., Nov. 7 at the Hunter Balfour Beatty Community office. The seminar is free of charge to all partici-pants.

Thanksgiving crafts offered

Join us for a fun holiday craft 3:30 a.m., Nov. 19 at Southern Oaks Community Center. We will be making a scarecrow bucket and a turkey for your Thanksgiving table. The event at Hunter will be held 4 p.m., Nov. 18 at

the New Savannah / New Callaway Community Center.

Enjoy a movie under the stars

November is a time to give thanks. We would like to use our outdoor movie night as a chance to give thanks by giving back. The movie on Fort Stewart will be 6 p.m., Nov. 21 at the Liberty Woods leasing office, and at Hunter 6 p.m., Nov. 14. We will be showing "The Bee Movie" (rated PG).

All that we ask for admission into the movie is for residents to bring a donated item for the following drives: canned goods, old jackets or old cell phones for the cell phones for Soldiers donation drive.

Bring as many items as you like, but you only need one. Residents are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets. Free popcorn will be pro-vided.

Check out *The Frontline* online at
www.stewart.army.mil



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Spotlight

Faces of the DES – Michael Gaitten

Special to the Frontline

Michael Gaitten was born on May 3, 1962 in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Father Joseph Wehrle High School in 1980 and shortly afterward enlisted in the U.S. Army. Gaitten was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division, 3rd Armor Division and the 3rd Infantry Division. He retired in September 2001 from his position as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Division Medical Operations Center at Fort Stewart after 21 years of dedicated service. Gaitten has

been married to his wife Debbi for the past 25 years and has three children, two in college and one a senior at Long County High School.

Gaitten joined the Directorate of Emergency Services in June of 2003 as a Fire Inspector at the Fort Stewart Fire Department. He recently stated this is now the best job he has ever had. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite time is spent with his wife and kids. He has 15 brothers and sisters. His philosophy is to treat others as you wish to be treated and they will give you the same respect.



Michael Gaitten

Remember to practice fire safety

Special to the Frontline

Bedrooms are a common area of fire origin. Nearly 600 lives are lost to fires that start in bedrooms each year. Many of these fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, such as overloading extension cords or using portable space heaters to close to combustibles.

Many bedroom fires are caused by children that play with matches/lighters or careless smoking among adults.

Children and fire are a bad match! Children are one of the highest risk groups for deaths in residential fires. At home, children usually play with fire, such as lighters, matches and other combustibles in bedrooms, in closets, and under beds. These are secret places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily. Here are some facts and recommendations:

- Children of all ages set over 35,000 fires annually.
- Every year over 400 children nine years of age and younger die in home fires.
- Keep matches and lighters locked up and away from children. Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches and other evidence that your child may be playing with matches or lighters.
- Teach your child that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Appliances also need special attention. Electrical fires most commonly start in the bedroom. This type of fire is a special concern during the winter months, which call for more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use.

- Do not trap electric cords against walls where heat can build up.
- Take extra care when using

portable heaters. Keep bedding, clothes, curtains and other combustible items at least three feet away from space heaters.

Only use UL lab-approved electric blankets and warmers. Check to make sure that the cords are not frayed.

Tuck yourself in for a safe sleep

- Never smoke in bed.
- Replace mattresses made before the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard. Mattresses made since then are required by law to be safer.

Finally, having working smoke detector alarms dramatically increase your chances of surviving a fire. Place at least one smoke detector alarm on each level of your home and in halls outside bedrooms. Remember to frequently practice a home escape plan with you family and always remember to practice fire safety!

DHR Spotlights: Pamela H. King

Special to the Frontline

Pamela H. King became the Education Services Officer for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield education centers in July 2005. However, she began working at Fort Stewart as a teenager in 1983. King began her Army Continuing Education System career as a “Federal Fellow” while completing her undergraduate degree. She has been with the Department of the Army ever since, with over 24 years in the field of adult education.

King worked in Fulda, Germany with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment during the late 80s. She has also worked at the installation’s Strategic Planning Office, now known as the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

King has undertaken a lot more responsibility than her previous ESO predecessors. Fort Stewart ACES became the first Southeast Region Hub for education services for four additional areas: the United States



Pamela H. King

Army Garrison, Miami, Fla.; MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico and Fort Gordon, Ga. Under King’s constant over-sight, quality customer service continues to be delivered to Soldiers, despite reductions in personnel and fiscal resources.

King is a 2006 graduate of the Army Management Staff College and is also a member of the 2008-2010 Service member Opportunity College Army Degree Advisory Board. She holds a Master’s Degree in Adult Education from Georgia

Southern University.

King currently resides in Richmond Hill, Ga., with her husband Dan, and two teenage children, Matthew and Logan.

She is active in church, Boy Scouts, and the Odyssey of the Mind Program.

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Ronald Phillips**, Co. A, 3/7 Inf. Bn, Fort Stewart, contact Capt. Thomas Roth, HHC, 3/7 Inf., at 767-7777.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Darris Dawson**, Co. A, 3/7 Inf., 4th BCT, Fort Stewart, contact 1st Lt. Tegan Searle, 703D BSB Rear Detachment, 4th BCT, at 767-4876.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Melinda J. Marth**, Co. A WTB, Fort Stewart, contact 1st Lt. Brantley Lockhart, Co. A WTB, Fort Stewart, 980-8199.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Aaron Akeim Hillary**, Btry. B, 1/9 FA, 2nd BCT, Fort Stewart, contact 1st Lt. Gregory Highstrom, B BTRY 1/9 FA, 2BCT, Fort Stewart, 435-2272.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **2nd Lt. Sean Patrick O’Connor**, Headquarters Support Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, contact Capt. Sarah Carter, HSC 603rd ASB, at 971-404-6889 .

Stewart-Hunter Townhall meeting scheduled for Nov 6

Special to the Frontline

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is scheduled to have a town hall meeting 5:30 p.m., Nov. 6 at Club Stewart, linked by teleconference to the Hunter Club. The meeting will be broadcast live on Marne Television, and offer community members an opportunity to express comments or concerns in person, or via telephone. Call in numbers are 767-ROCK or 315-ROCK (767-7625 or 315-7625). Door prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 767-1257.

The notes and follow-up answers and actions from the Aug. 5 meeting are included below.

Balfour Beatty Communities

Question: Will the houses in Marne Homes be renovated soon?

Answer: Bo Letnaunchyn, BBC replied that 55 homes will be renovated and 118 demolished by 2011.

Q: Most of the sidewalks in Marne Homes do not have wheelchair accessible ramps to the street and the curbs are very high. Can ramps be placed on those streets?

A: A cost analysis will need to be conducted to determine feasibility. Some streets currently have ramps, although the angle is very steep.

Q: A number of neighbors have paid for cleaning but the homes are going to be renovated. For example, a Soldier recently paid to steam clean carpet before clearing, but the carpet was removed during the unit's renovation. The cleaning policy for Soldiers cleaning a unit that is scheduled for renovation or demolition needs to be reviewed and changes made to prevent this from occurring.

A: Units that are scheduled for renovation must be cleaned prior to clearing housing. Balfour Beatty Communities will review the specific incident.

Q: My neighbor's back yard is not fenced and pine needles have accumulated, but the landscaping company has not removed them.

A: Letnaunchyn stated that he would send someone to review the situation immediately.

Q: I live in a duplex. When pest control services are rendered, only one half of the unit is treated (the unit that requested the treatment). Can pest control treat the entire building instead? It would be a better preventative measure.

A: Letnaunchyn stated that Balfour Beatty

Communities will look into the situation.

Q: When work orders are called in, they are done slowly. A faucet that was scheduled for repair is still leaking.

A: Balfour Beatty Communities will address the situation immediately.

Q: Several vacant homes have lights on at night.

A: The painting teams may be leaving lights on. Balfour Beatty Communities will correct the practice immediately.

Q: When paying a utility bill online through the Ista web site, residents are assessed a \$1.70 fee. However, utilizing your bank's bill pay system is free of charge. Can this information be posted for residents on their bill or on the Ista web site?

A: Letnaunchyn said that the preferred method of payment is by personal check or money order via postal mail. There is no charge for those two methods of payment. Unfortunately, Balfour Beatty Communities cannot make changes to Ista policies.

Q: The garbage truck crews have been combining trash with recyclables during pick-up.

A: Letnaunchyn stated that this issue is being addressed with the previously stated garbage issue.

Q: Trash pick-up in the housing areas has been inconsistent.

A: The contracted company has experienced multiple mechanical failures this year. Balfour Beatty Communities is working with them to resolve the service problems, but if resolution is not reached, contracts with other companies are available.

Q: When the groundskeepers pick up trash in the housing areas, they do not collect debris from within ditches.

Trash is beginning to accumulate in the ditches and some people are now dumping trash in the ditches, as well. Can we have "No Dumping" signs posted in the ditches?

A: Signage typically does not prevent dumping, but BBC will expand the trash collection procedure.

Q: My wife's cousin cleared housing and was charged \$225 for removing spider webs from under the stairwell. Is that standard?

A: Letnaunchyn stated that the situation would be investigated immediately.

Comment: Michelle Burkhard, a representative of the local Boy Scouts, thanked the commissary, DMWR, chaplains, and garrison command sergeant major for their support. She also announced that a new pack has been chartered at Kessler Elementary School and thanked them for their support. Buchs added that scouting programs are an integral part of our community.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Q: When will the swimming pools close for the summer?

A: Due to the lifeguards' school schedules, pools will close after Labor Day weekend.

Q: Can we open a thrift shop on Fort Stewart?

A: Currently we have the semi-annual post-wide yard sale as an opportunity for community members to sell items they no longer need. The Garrison Commander will review the possibility of opening a thrift shop.

Q: Who would I speak to about having retired football players visit FS? I have some personal connections.

A: Anyone who has personal connections to athletes or other celebrities and groups is encouraged to call Linda Heifferon, Director, MWR at 767-8660.

Q: May we have more information about the upcoming Sesame Street show?

A: The USO Sesame Street show is scheduled for Oct. 10-11, Newman Fitness Center, Fort Stewart. Admission is free. On Oct. 10, the shows were 7 p.m. and on Oct. 11, the show is scheduled 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Additional information regarding times would be published. Buchs added that community members can obtain a wealth of information about local events by reading Frontline, The Quality Time magazine, and community notes.

Directorate of Public Works

Q: There are no new maps for post. It is difficult to find streets in the housing areas. Also, the current maps show gates where there are none.

A: Buchs asked DPW to review the situation and assist in providing an updated map of the installation.

Q: Some fishing ponds, especially #21 and #23, have an excess of grass and algae. Also, the fee was raised.

A: DPW will address the algae and overgrowth issues. Buchs emphasized that fees did not increase for Soldiers.

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Q: A shuttle service was once available between Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Can we have this service again?

A: A medical shuttle is currently available by appointment. Information on this service will be re-published in the Frontline newspaper.

Education

Q: We need a true gifted program at our schools on post to benefit our children.

A: Dr. Joseph Guiendon stated that the schools on post all offer compete gifted programs and recommended that the petitioner address specific concerns with the teacher and principal.

Q: If schools are going to offer a foreign language, they should offer it to all grade levels.

A: The foreign language program is a pilot program and will undergo a formal evaluation this year. Spanish language classes have been expanded to two additional grades this year. The program may be expanded further.

Q: Why does my child qualify for the gifted program off-post, but not for the program on-post?

A: The guidelines are different for Georgia schools and Department of Defense schools. Buchs recommended that Soldiers and Family Members utilize the Army Family Action Plan process to address higher-level issues that cannot be resolved at the installation level.

Q: Can the FS schools convert to school uniforms?

A: Guiendon said he would look into the possibility.

Q: Can the schools post a school supply list on the School Liaison Office's web site?

A: Buchs agreed that this was a good idea. David Smith, Youth Education and Support Services, stated that the list can be posted.

Comment: The Fort Stewart school board is seeking volunteers. Fort Stewart residents are encouraged to run for school board positions. Call 369-3691 for more information.

Public Affairs Office

Q: How can we get a programming schedule for MarneTV? Sometimes we miss shows and would like to watch them during the next broadcast.

A: The Marne TV special programming schedule is currently published in the Frontline newspaper, but PAO will look into methods for providing the full schedule to the community.

Q: Would it be possible to have a parade in April after 4th Brigade Combat Team returns?

A: A parade is definitely a possibility. Buchs reassured Families of 4th BCT Soldiers that we will continue to provide the same support services to them that the other brigades received.

Comment: Marcia Steele, Hunter Community Mayors Program, thanked the Commissary for the new self-checkout lanes and thanked BBC for providing the utility billing information at the recent Town Hall. She thanked Charles Archer for the Saturday movies and indicated that the event is very successful.

American Armed Forces Exchange Service

Q: Why can't gasoline be priced lower on-post than off-post?

A: AAFES policy is to survey five gas stations closest to the gates on a daily basis. They have expanded the survey to twice a day in order to remain competitive with local companies.

Q: With the price of gas going up, can Department of the Army Civilians go to four 10-hour day work weeks?

Buchs will review the recommendation.

Q: I attempted to purchase eyeglasses for my daughter, but the store would not sell a warranty. I had to drive to Savannah to purchase the glasses and an \$18 warranty.

A: It is possible that the type of lenses might not be covered by the available warranty, but the situation will be investigated.

Directorate of Emergency Services

Q: What is the current regulation for scooters?

A: Motorized scooters under 50cc do not require reg-

istration. Scooters over 50cc are treated as motorcycles and subject to the same regulations. DES is currently working on a document that will compile regulations for every type of transport and will publish it.

Q: The parking lot in the 600 block area was opened, but now Soldiers are running in the road during physical training

A: DES will review and address the situation.

Comment: Sarah Parrish, Fort Stewart Community Mayors Program, reminded residents that school is back in session and encouraged drivers to familiarize themselves with the newly defined school zones. The school zone speed-limit is 15 miles-per-hour and is in effect from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Buchs added that Diamond Elementary constructed a new stabilization lane for its "Kiss and Ride" program. The new lane should help to ease traffic congestion on Davis Ave.

Comment: Director of Emergency Services, Sean Strate announced that the speed limit on HWY 144 will be reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph from Aug. 11 to Oct. 26 to accommodate increased training operations. Drivers should expect delays and consider alternative routes.

Comment: A caller thanked DES for the increased patrols in Liberty Woods.

Announcements:

AAFES representative, Tina Lovitt, announced that the dry cleaning facility will move to building 419 (Furniture Store Mall) and will be replaced by a Starbucks coffee shop. Also in building 419, a day spa is under construction that will offer massage, manicure and pedicure services, as well as a full line of Aveda products. The electronics section of the PX will undergo renovation and will be converted into a self-contained PowerZone, complete with its own registers.

Buchs announced several upcoming renovations of MWR facilities. Holbrook Pond will add screened pavilions with fans and a \$750K paint ball course. Most projects will be completed next summer.